

DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the Specification:

Please add Page 22. Page 22 will recite the following:

hemostasis, the aggregation and/or the coagulation and/or the viscosity of blood, a reservoir 8 for blood, from which blood may be taken for measurement and conveyed through an aperture 7, being disposed in a housing 2. A stirring device is provided in the reservoir 8 and can be moved so that a stirrer part 11 of the stirring device mixes the blood in the reservoir 8 during the measurement and keeps it in motion.

It is particularly advantageous if the stirrer part 11, in the region of the blood supply, that is, in the reservoir 8, has no contact with the stationary surfaces of the surrounding walls or the like. By these means, it can be prevented that blood cells or other components of the blood can be damaged or squeezed. Such damage or squeezing could lead to undesirable release of substances, which could lead to a distortion of the results of the measurements.

Telephonic Inquiries

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to BOBBY RAMDHANIE whose telephone number is (571)270-3240. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 8-5 (Alt Fri off).

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